

Attachment A:

AHCCCS HIPAA Contingency Planning

The following summarizes our procedures and expectations related to HIPAA trading partner contingency election. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions please let us know.

AHCCCS will support ongoing processing of the current NSF/proprietary formats for electronic claims submission on a contingency basis as requested by submitters, through no later than Sunday, February 29th, 2004. If a current AHCCCS Fee For Service Electronic Claims Submitter wishes to elect a delay in compliance with the HIPAA implementation date of 10/16/2003 for the 837 transactions they must submit a formal request for delay. This request must contain at least the following information:

Transaction: 837
Submitter Name:
Submitter Id:

Contact Name(s)/Email Address(es):

Brief statement requesting delayed implementation.

Statement of timeframe for compliance.
High level Action Steps that will be taken to ensure compliance.

This information must be submitted either via email to the AHCCCSHIPAAWorkgroup@ahcccs.state.az.us or via mail to the attention of Lori Petre, HIPAA Testing Manager at:

801 East Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85034

No later than COB, Monday, January 12th, 2004.

Failure to submit a formal contingency election request may result in disruption of electronic claims submissions, which may adversely impact to provider claims payments.